

Human Cloning Fact Sheet

True Ban on Human Cloning

(Dr. Weldon's bill, Virginia bill about to be signed, and Michigan law)

This approach would prohibit using the cloning technique to create a new human life.

Cloning of DNA, cells, and animals (and anything else that does not create a new living human organism) would still be legal under this approach.

Biotechnology companies oppose this approach because they want to be able to clone embryos for destructive research and for perfecting human cloning techniques.

vs.

Ban on Implantation of Cloned Babies

(Britain, Clinton, Feinstein/Kennedy)

This approach, called "Clone and Kill," would allow human cloning but would forbid the implantation of cloned embryos.

For the first time, a federal law would allow the creation of human beings but make it illegal to let the baby grow in the womb and be born.

? What would be the legal remedy if someone violated the ban ?
by implanting a cloned embryo in a woman's womb

? Would it be legal to keep a cloned human embryo alive outside the womb ?
to be used for organ harvesting?

Not to be Confused with Stem Cell Debate

The debate over funding the killing of human embryos clinics for research on stem cells is completely different from this human cloning debate, because stem cells would come from embryos created by two parents during in-vitro fertilization.

Cloning creates human life by asexual reproduction. The implantation ban approach would allow research on these clones and use the force of law to require their destruction. Dr. Weldon's approach would prohibit the creation of human clones in the first place.